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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Team Nutrition Training Grant Mini-Grants

The Team Nutrition grant that was awarded to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides resources to communities and schools to help provide more opportunities for our children to make healthy lifestyle choices, including eating a nutritious diet and engaging in daily physical activity to help address the growing problem of childhood obesity.

A portion of the funds received by MDE is designated to provide sub-grants to schools for health improvement activities. Activities may include training and technical assistance for foodservice, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity.

The overall goal for the grants is to improve children's lifelong eating and physical activity habits. Eligible applicants include public schools, public school academies, and non-public schools operating a school meals program.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Team Nutrition Training Grant Mini-Grants as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 24, 2008.

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Criteria for Team Nutrition Training Grant Mini-Grants

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

The State Board of Education policies supported by this grant include: the Model Local Wellness Policy, the Policy on Offering Healthy Food and Beverages in Venues Outside of the Federally Regulated Child Nutrition Programs, the Policy on Quality Physical Education, and the Policy on Coordinated School Health Programs to Support Academic Achievement and Healthy Schools.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

☒ Competitive ☐ Formula ☒ New ☒ Continuation (*check all that apply*)

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Team Nutrition is a component in the efforts of USDA's Food and Nutrition Service to provide schools with nutrition education materials for children and parents as well as technical assistance for school food service providers and communities to support healthy eating and physical activity. Team Nutrition activities support two pillars of the President's HealthierUS Initiative: nutrition and daily physical activity.

MDE will provide training and technical assistance to food service staff in the preparation of fruits and vegetables, whole-grain products, and other healthier foods in addition to encouraging schools to provide more nutrition education. Grant activities may also include training and technical assistance for foodservice, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved 9/12/2006

☐ Defined in Legislation ☒ Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder ☒ Proposed by Staff

All applicants must:

- Provide rationale as to how the project will provide more opportunities for children to make healthy lifestyle choices;

Provide a budget detail consistent with the proposed project activities; and

Use student input in determining the proposed grant activities

Schools selected will represent a blend of urban, rural, and suburban locations, as well as large and small schools. Schools selected will be representative of high to low percentage of populations eligible for free or reduced price meals.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Eligible applicants include public schools, public school academies, and non-public schools operating a school meals program. The target population is school-aged youth.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Estimated to be \$80,000.

LEGISLATION

Section 204 of Public Law 108-265, Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (June 30, 2004).

OFFICE ADMINISTERING GRANT/PROGRAM CONTACT

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